

REMARKS

Claims 2-22 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between:

Group I, claims 2-5 and 12, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a correcting device which correct printing color, based on printing color correcting information of printing paper characteristics and **the measured temperature** which are sent from a network server;

Group II, claims 6-9 and 13, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a correcting device which correct printing color, based on printing color correcting information of printing paper characteristics which is sent from a network server, and **the measured humidity** (the Examiner noting that the printing color correcting information is not required to be changed based on the measure humidity information); and

Group III, claims 10, 11, and 14-22, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a correcting device which correct printing color, based on **only** printing color correcting information of printing paper characteristics being sent from a network server.

The Examiner asserted that Groups I, II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. According to the Examiner, the

subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. The Examiner further asserted that Group I requests a correcting device which correct printing color, based on printing color correcting information of printing paper characteristics and **the measured temperature** which are sent from a network server; group II requests a correcting device which correct printing color, based on printing color correcting information of printing paper characteristics which is sent from a network server, and **the measured humidity** (the Examiner noting that the printing color correcting information is not required to be changed based on the measured humidity information); and group III requests a correcting device which correct printing color, based on **only** printing color correcting information of printing paper characteristics being sent from a network server.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 6-9 and 13, without traverse. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Demetra R. Smith-Stewart (Reg. No. 47,354), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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